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NOTICE OF FIRM.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING the temporary absence of the
Under-signed, Mr. A. J. EASTON,
will act as SECRETARY of the Society.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 28, 1893.

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPO-
RATION. Rules may be obtained on ap-
plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at
3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on
FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 28, 1893.

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THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN,
T AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$29,000,000.

CAPITAL CALLED UP, \$21,030,150.

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RATES OF INTEREST,

Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed
Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHOBOLD,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-IN CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$3,000,000.

RESERVE LIQUIDITY, \$10,000,000.

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On Current Account at the rate of 2
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 26, 1893.

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CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK
OF INDIA: LONDON & CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED, \$1,125,000.

Bankers:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at

the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily
Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months, 5%

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JOHN THURBER,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893.

BANKS.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA
LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$2,500,000.

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Directors:

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AMAN.

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Hongkong, May 24, 1893.

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & C°

SUMMER CURTAINS.

NEWEST DESIGNS in ART MUSLINS.

PONGEE SURAH for ART DECORATION.

GOSSAMER and PLAIN ART MUSLINS, in every shade.

ART CANVAS and FIGURED MUSLIN PIECE GOODS.

NOVELTIES in FRILLED CURTAINS.

NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, 3½ to 5 yards long, from

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SUMMER CRETONNES, DIMITIES and CHINTZES.

Every Description of HOUSEHOLD LINENS and DRAPERY.

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Hongkong, May 13, 1893.

Intimations.

TREASURY NOTICE.

OWNERS of PROPERTY are informed
that an ADDITIONAL JOURNAL RENT
should be Paid to the TREASURY, on or
before the 1st PRUDOMME, after which date
steps will be taken for their recovery as
provided by Ordinance No. 13 of 1875.

M. G. MITCHELL-INNES,
Colonial Treasurer.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1893.

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Auctions.

NOTICE.

IN THE COLONIAL COURT OF
ADMIRALTY OF HONGKONG.

SUIT No. 3 of 1893.

GEO. FENWICK & CO., LIMITED,

Plaintiffs,

against

THE STEAMSHIP PROPONTIS.

THE MARSHAL of the Colonial Court

of Admiralty of Hongkong will (pursue
to a Committee for Sale issued herein)

SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on

FRIDAY,

the 23rd day of June, 1893, at 3 o'clock in
the Afternoon, at the Supreme Court
House, Victoria, Hongkong.

(Unless previously Sold by Private Treaty).

THE IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

PROPONTIS.

Gross Tonnage 2,132; Net Register Ton-

nage 1,387; as she now lies afloat in

Hongkong Harbour.

The Vessel was built by the LONDON AND

Glasgow Ship Building Company, at

Glasgow, in 1864 and classed *A1.

Length..... 325 Feet

Breadth..... 37 Feet

Depth..... 21 Feet

It is fitted with Triple Expansion ENGINES

of 250 H.P., 1,125 H.P. and 1,125 H.P.,

built by JOHN ELDER & CO., LTD.,

Strokers of Piping, 36 inches. Doubled

Minimum Steel BOILERS, 160

lb. pressure, built by D. ROSS & SONS,

October 1868. Fairly good condition.

Total Dead weight capacity 2,400 tons.

Bunker capacity 300 tons.

General survey completed October 1892

on Hull, Engines and Boilers; since which

time there has been filled 230 plain Tubes

in Boilers and 48 stays.

100 Tons of AKAIKI COAL now in

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
China (via Amoy), Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honshu, Tuesday, May 30.
Peru (via Nagasaki), Inland Sea, Kobe, Yokohama and Honshu, Saturday, June 17.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki), Kobe, Inland Sea and Honshu, Thursday, July 6.The U. S. Mail Steamship *CHINA* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 30th May, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

First Class Passengers have full choice of any of the Overland Routes, including CENTRAL PACIFIC, SOUTHERN PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, NORTH-EASTERN PACIFIC, and DENVER and RIO GRANDE RAILWAYS. They can also travel over the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of \$10 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Damerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 2 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages must be marked to address in full; value of same must be indicated.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelope, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central, J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 913

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Belgic (via Nagasaki), Kobe, Yokohama and Honshu, Thursday, June 8.
Oceania (via Nagasaki), Kobe, Yokohama and Honshu, Tuesday, June 27.
Gothic (via Nagasaki), Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honshu, Tuesday, July 18.The Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 8th June, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This discount does not apply through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Postal Packages should be marked to address in full, same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

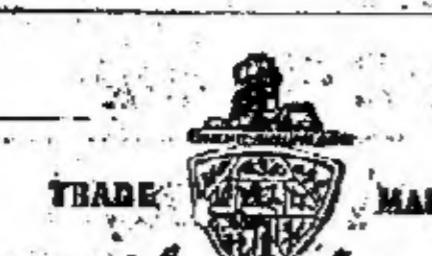
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Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 913

Intimations.

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES for RESIDENT BOARDERS, at Kowloon, Victoria View, Hongkong, March 4, 1893. 244



ALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., Wine and Spirit Merchants, 13, Queen's ROAD, Hongkong, August 18, 1893. 1612

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS. VOGELZELLEN'S CHLORATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES. RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES. ADMIRALTY & IMPR. CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, Christofle's & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

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THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

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Its export is increasing yearly, and the opinions expressed, by several of the LARGEST REGULAR CONSUMERS, are in testimony of the EXCELLENT QUALITIES OF THIS COAL.

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Freshness of the Coal.

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Freedom from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

Best of weight, etc., etc.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1892. 1714

YUNG CHUNG & CO. (順海上), from SHANGHAI, are prepared to undertake CONTRACTS and JOBS for PAINTING, POLISHING, DECORATING and all descriptions of ORNAMENTAL WORKS in GILT, SILVER, after making CABINETS and FURNITURE, POLISHING FURNITURE, and soliciting the patronage of the Public. All Orders will be executed faithfully and satisfactorily executed. Best Materials and Superior First-class Workmanship in neat and best style guaranteed.

CHARGES MODERATE.

No. 15, Wellington STREET, Hongkong, February 1, 1893. 105

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbor:

HABITANT, British ship, Captain W. R. Potter.—Malchers & Co.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Co.'s Steamship *Haitian*, Capt. Gurney, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Inst., at Noon, instead of as previously intimated.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 950

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Steamship *Singking*, Captain Dodo, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st Inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 961

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

STEAM FOR HOIPOW & HAIPHONG. (Taking Passengers and Cargo for Toulane & Quinon.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Haiyuan*, Captain GALLIET, will leave for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd June, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 965

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURLABA.

The Steamship *Cronarty*, Captain DUNCAN, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 6th June, at 4 p.m. For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 962

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/8 L.I.L. British Ship *Habitan*.

W. R. POTTER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 953

To-day's Advertisements.

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

PAYMENT OF SECOND DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND DIVIDEND of 10% will be PAYABLE on Application at the OFFICE OF THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION), on and after MONDAY, the 5th June, to all Creditors whose CLAIMS have been Received and Admitted.

E. W. RUTTER, Attorney for the Liquidator, NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION).

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 950

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE RANGE is CLOSED on TUESDAY, for the Use of the NAVY.

The Short RANGE CUP and SPOONS will be Shot on SATURDAY, the 3rd June, Ranges 500 and 600 yards. Time, 3 p.m.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 23, 1893. 964

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth

Ordinary Yearly MEETING of

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company

will be held at the Company's OFFICES, No. 6, Ice House Lane, on THURSDAY, the 15th June, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1893, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th June, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHAS. F. HARTON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 29, 1893. 963

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely

pure. Steam Plant of the latest

and most powerful type. Supervision.—The whole process of manufac-

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supervision of a qualified English

Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear compari-

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noted makers in England.

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DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LTD.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely

pure. Steam Plant of the latest

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Mr. and Mrs. Smith Rev. Mr. A.

THE CHINA MAIL.

We are glad to learn from the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 22nd instant, that Messrs. Hubbard & Spiro received a telegram to-day stating that the Whampoa gun-boats had the rocks and safely anchored on the mud at Shih-tai Bay. The platform has been completed, and, when the necessary repairs are finished, she will be brought down to Shanghai under convoy of the Hangtung.

MESSES Noda and Miyata of Osaka have returned from their 24 days' tour in the oil-producing provinces. According to a report they have now obtained from the Provincial Government of Fushin, in the province of Fushin, and oil well, which was sunk by the Nippon Oil Company in that district, and which began on the 18th instant to jet out a great quantity of oil at a depth of 420 feet below the surface. The quantity in sale is at the rate of 50 hokku per 24 hours.—*Hiroko News.*

The P. & O. connecting steamer made a record deliverying the last English mail at Yokohama 24 days ago. Lyndon, and his party, after making their trials of Shanghai, Nagasaki and Kobe, and having undergone a delay of two days at Hongkong, are now leaving for the Empress's port, the project of Wei-hai-wei, on the 25th instant. The Chinese Resident at Sioi, Mr. Yuan Tung, has charge officially transferred as a result of which he will no longer be associated in Corse, and his new appointment will be only a nominal one.—*Achit.*

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Ten competitors shot for the Long Range Cup. The winner was Lieut. first, and the others were, including three scratch shots. The handicap Spoon fell to Mr. P. McNab. Below are sights of the scores; two competitors retired.

8000' Net. Hongkong Grand yards, total points, total.

Serg. Liddell ... 46 77 4 81
Mr. P. McNab ... 23 44 18 59
Com. Ashe, R.N. 23 23 18 52
Lt. Ballard, R.N. 23 24 47 51
Major Eyston ... 23 16 59 49
Mr. Deacon ... 25 16 41 50
Mr. Deacon ... 25 16 41 51
A. Inspl. Watson 24 7 31 0 31

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LTD.

The annual meeting of this Company was held in the Hongkong Hotel to-day. Mr. W. P. Moore presided. There were present—Messrs. R. Lyall, P. F. Dyer, G. Tauer, and I. F. Lees (Secretary). The following statement was submitted:

Gentlemen, Your Directors beg to submit general accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1892, and regret that owing to the continued general depression in the Colony the hopeful anticipations of improved business formed at date of last return have not been realized. Indeed the results of the first eight months' working were very bad, but since then there has been a general improvement, and if this continues there appears a very reasonable prospect of a fair dividend for 1893. Current expenses have been reduced by dispensing with the services of the French Hairdresser. The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. D. Gourdin, whose report the Auditor is recommended.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Dyer, it was decided to pay an interim dividend of 6 per cent for the year. The accounts and report were passed, and Mr. A. D. Gourdin appointed auditor for the ensuing year.

This was all the business.

THE PRAYA RECLAMATION SUSPENSION PETITION.

The Petition asking His Excellency the Governor to suspend for a time the carrying out of the scheme for the reclamation of land for foreign opposite the city, was presented on Saturday. It was signed by the five Unofficial Members of Council, Mr. Jackson, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Mr. J. D. Hamptons, Messrs. Shaw & Co., Messrs. Simpson & Co., Messrs. Arnhold, Kerberg & Co., Messrs. Douglass Laprade & Co., Mr. Henry Crawford, Lee Sing, and many other European and Chinese firms and residents. We understand many more names could have been obtained had more time been available.

The text of the Petition is as follows:—

To His Excellency, Sir William Robinson, R.C.M.G., Governor, Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c., &c., Hongkong.

MY DEAR YOUNG EXCELLENCE,—The undersigned Members of Council and other Ratepayers of this Colony petition the Governor to introduce without delay an Ordinance to suspend for a time Ordinance No. 16 of 1889, known as "An Ordinance to carry out a Scheme for the Reclamation of land for foreign opposite the City of Victoria."

It is unnecessary to submit to Your Excellency a lengthy statement of the disastrous experience experienced in the prosperity of the Colony which seemed assured at the time the Praya Reclamation was conceived; the facts are well known to the Government, and, as is only too often the case in Colonies, a gradual influx of population led to what at the time was a *broad field* before the eyes of many residents both Chinese and European. That the Reclamation in question would be occupied as rapidly as completed, and that the large outlay of money therein would come back to the public and private purses of the Government and of Marine Land Holders, with the increment thus anticipated.

These expectations have, however, been far from fulfilled.

The reasons for this disappointment are in the main well known to Your Excellency as to your petitioners. The tide of local prosperity till even now rapidly that it is something like piracy. For days afterwards he and the latter return having abandoned the boat, on which there are what seem signs of struggle having taken place, and without the German sailor whom they represent to have been fairly satisfied.

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Under these circumstances your petitioners are of opinion that the only remedial measures possible is to defer progress of the Reclamation for the present, giving time for the keenly-felt depression, which it is hoped to gradually diminish, to become less intense; thus allowing ordinary accumulations of commercial wealth, earnings, and savings, in the natural course, to provide funds for the extension, at least, for alms houses, of existing charities, and for the promotion of sanguine estimate of increase of population to overtake the excessive provision of houses and land.

It will be obvious to Your Excellency that a continuous increase of unoccupied and therefore unproductive land can only be accompanied by corresponding depreciation in the value of that land and of property in general.

Under these circumstances your petitioners

have in this incident another proof of the inaccuracy of the original estimate of the cost and period of completion. We must

not forget that before them as Com. Council General and Council they would not have at least kept *Dover's Almanac*.

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WAMPPOA.

Vessel Name	Port No.	Destination
Canton	Brit. str.	
Kwang	Brit. str.	
Lymenon	Ger. str.	
Nienain	Ger. str.	
Yuenang	Brit. str.	
Taiwan	Brit. str.	
Yung Ping	Chin. str.	

AMoy.

Port	Arrival	Departure
Cass	Chines	
Chang-Hiian British		
City of Peking American		
Fornax British		
Sungking British		

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Port	Arrival	Departure
Bowa	Brit. bge.	
Sebastien Bach	Brit. bge.	
Standiford	Brit. bge.	
Valkyria	Brit. bge.	

FOOCHOW.

Port	Arrival	Departure
Hiechin	Chinese	
Oscarhal	Norwegian	
Contacat	Brit. bge.	
Imacca	Now. bge.	

SHANGHAI.

Port	Arrival	Departure
Airlo	British	
Ajax	British	
Changon	Austrian	
Cito	German	
Fulwo	British	
Glenfalloch	British	
Hainan	German	
Hideyoshi Maru Japanese		
Holyrood	British	
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Kiangkwan	Chinese	
Kianglung	Chinese	
Oriental	British	
Poohua	British	
Foochi	British	
Freusen	German	
Sakio Maru	Japanese	
Taiwo	British	
Toonan	Chinese	
Triton	German	
Vorwarts	German	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Port	Arrival	Departure
Etelia	Amer. bge.	
Nansino	Brit. bge.	
Shanghai	Br. lighter	
Sutram	Amer. sh.	

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Port	Arrival	Departure
Koski Maru	Japan. by.	

NAGASAKI.

Port	Arrival	Departure
YOKOHAMA.		
In port on May 9, 1893.		
Byrnilds	Brit. bge.	
O. S. Benten	Amer. sh.	
Kamalda	Brit. sh.	
Saiyan	Amer. sh.	

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A. G. Ropes	Amer. sh.	
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A. G. Ropes	Amer. sh.	
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MANILA.

Port	Arrival	Departure
In Port on May 1, 1893.		
Amavanta	Brit. str. discharging	
Abbie Stafford	Brit. bge. Atlanta, U.S.	
Byron	Brit. str. Liverpool	
Cathcart	Brit. sh. discharging	
Oicoro	Brit. str. Hongkong	
City of Philadelphia Amer. sh. Atlanta, U.S.		
El Capitan	Amet. sh. New York	
Endeavour	Brit. str. Liverpool	
Feronia	Brit. str. London	
Indawha Head	Brit. str. Lagos & Freetown	
H. S. de Leon	Span. str. Singapore	
Robert Bernard	Brit. bge. discharging	
Baracoa	Amer. bge. Atlanta, U.S.	